

# 2019 Charles E. Shannon Community Safety Initiative

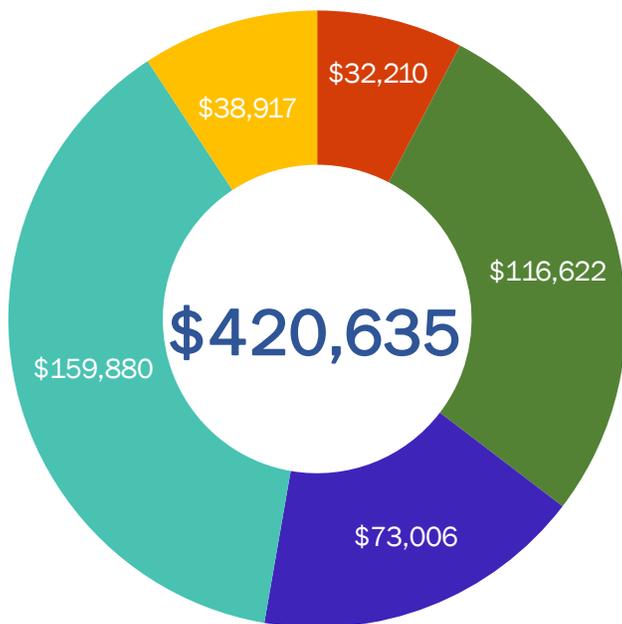
## FALL RIVER

### Funded Partners

Bristol County District Attorney's Office, Bristol County Sheriff's Office, Bristol Workforce, Fall River Public Schools, Fall River YMCA, Fall River Youth Court, Family Service Association, FR Girls & Boys Club, Fall River Police Department, Greater Fall River RE-CREATION, MassHire Workforce Boards, Fall River Health & Human Services, Massachusetts Parole Board, Solidground Psychotherapy, United Neighbors of Fall River and Youth Build Fall River

Funded by the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security's Office of Grants and Research, the Charles E. Shannon Community Safety Initiative (Shannon) is modeled after the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's Comprehensive Gang Model. Shannon is a multi-sector approach used to address a community's gang and youth violence problem. Each community receiving Shannon funding demonstrates the presence of risk factors for youth and gang violence. Shannon participants must be between the ages of 10-24 years.

### FUNDING ALLOCATION



### 411 YOUTH SERVED

**36%**  
LOW-RISK\*

Youth in danger of engaging in risky behavior or gang activity due to the presence of known risk factors such as exposure to gang affiliates in their home or community.

**34%**  
MODERATE-RISK\*

Youth exposed to the same risk factors as low-risk youth, as well as additional risk factors such as school failure, dropping out, truancy, substance abuse, and gang involvement.

**30%**  
HIGH-RISK\*

Youth who are perpetrators or victims of shooting or stabbing violence, and/or are known gang members.

\* % of youth assessed for level of risk.

### STRATEGIES & OUTCOMES

Positive Youth Development & Recreation*		241 Participated in Positive Youth Development Programs	195 Developed Communication & Conflict Resolution Skills
Case Management, Street Outreach, or Intervention		80 Received Case Management Services	41 Received Street Outreach Services
Education & Employment		135 Participated in an Education Program	20 Participated in an Employment Program
Suppression		338 Hot Spot Patrols Completed	68 Gang Members or High Impact Players Arrested
Community Mobilization		3,380 People Attended Events, Meetings, & Presentations	196 Community Events, Meetings, & Presentations Held

\* Positive Youth Development refers to intentional efforts to provide opportunities for you to enhance their interest, skills, and abilities.

# Community Risk Factors

## MASSACHUSETTS

6,892,503

10.0%

2.94%

1,007,005

32.8%

1.9%

## FALL RIVER

89,661

19.4%

5.21%

14,303

70.0%

4.9%

Total Population  
(2018 Estimate)

Population Lives in Poverty

Unemployment Rate

Total School Population  
(2018-2019)

Economically Disadvantaged

High School Dropout Rate

Sources: [www.census.gov/quickfacts](http://www.census.gov/quickfacts); [profiles.doe.mass.edu/](http://profiles.doe.mass.edu/); [www.mass.gov/lwd/economic-data/](http://www.mass.gov/lwd/economic-data/)

## Gang Activity in Fall River

24

Street Gangs

850

Qualified Gang  
Members

In 2019, the Fall River Police Department interacted with members of 24 street gangs. Conflict between gangs is generally attributed to narcotic sales or the belief that disrespect has occurred from one gang to the other. The conflict escalates into violent confrontations, revenge shootings, stabbings, home invasions, robberies, beatings, random attacks, spray painting, and possession of firearms. They have been known to engage in sex trafficking or form sex trafficking rings, which encompasses prostitution. Illegal gambling has become an issue. Drug and fire arm trafficking continues to be the two primary criminal activities that gang members profit from.

## 5-Year Crime Trends for Young People Ages 10-24, 2015-2019

### MASSACHUSETTS SIMPLE ASSAULT

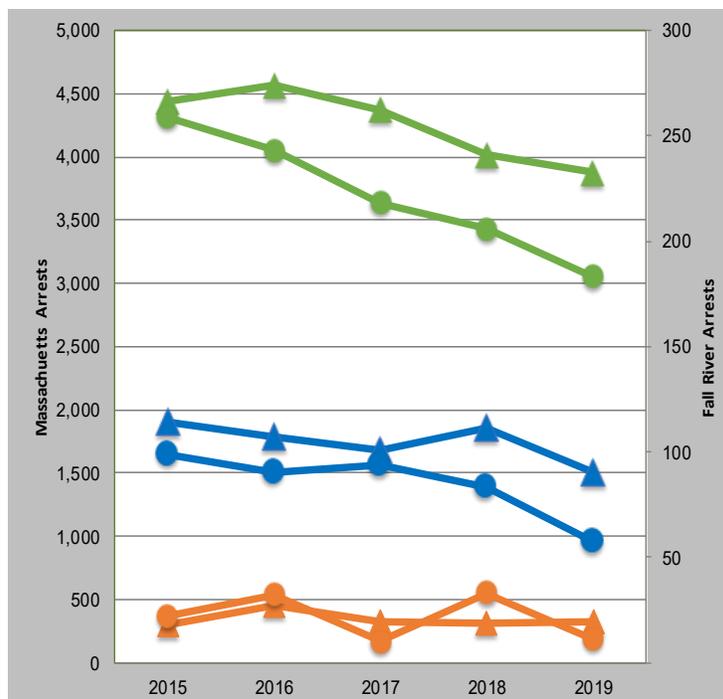
Simple assault arrests declined by 12.7% since 2015 (563 arrests)

### MASSACHUSETTS AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

Aggravated assault arrests declined by 20.6% since 2015 (391 arrests)

### MASSACHUSETTS ROBBERY

Robbery arrests increased by 10.1% since 2015 (30 arrests)



### FALL RIVER SIMPLE ASSAULT

Simple assault arrests declined by 29.3% since 2015 (76 arrests)

### FALL RIVER AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

Aggravated assault arrests declined by 42.4% since 2015 (42 arrests)

### FALL RIVER ROBBERY

Robbery arrests declined by 50% since 2015 (11 arrests)